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To: Honorable Mayor Maso and the Frisco City Council
Thru: George Purefoy, City Manager
From: Mack Borchardt, Fire Chief
Date: 2/8/2010
Re: Fire Department Summary Report

Report Summary:

The Frisco Fire Department responds to a variety of calls for service. A call may require a single ambulance or multiple fire trucks to mitigate an emergency. The monthly report allows us to review calls by type and analyze the responses for adequate personnel and equipment.

Comparative Data:

The included graphs show the Fire Department's activity during the last year.

Report Analysis:

The Fire Department responded to 798 calls during the month of January including 272 emergency medical calls and 66 motor vehicle accidents. The Fire Department also responded to 3 structure fires and 3 grass fires resulting in combined damages of approximately \$87,650.

January 2010 represents the highest call volume month on record for the Frisco Fire Department. Due to severe winter weather conditions, Fire Department units responded to 79 calls on the 8th and 103 calls on January 9th, eclipsing our previous one day record of 52 calls set on 12/9/05. The majority of calls were weather related involving frozen and or ruptured water lines requiring water emergency water shut-offs.

The EOC was activated on the evening of January 9th when City Staff including Police, Public Works and Fire worked through a complete failure of the City's radio system requiring use of backup communication systems. Units responded to multiple calls for assistance with water shut-offs at homes and businesses throughout the community. Despite technical difficulties with radios, no calls were missed nor were any backlogged during the radio system downtime which lasted from approximately 4:00pm to 8:30pm; during which we responded to 42 calls which would be considered a busy day on any given day. Thankfully, there were no life-threatening injuries or loss of life sustained during this spell of winter weather.

427 fire safety inspections and SAFER plans were completed in January. 183 new construction and annual inspections were performed by the Fire Marshal's Office in January.

Average emergency response time for January by district:

- District 1: 5:18
- District 2: 4:13
- District 3: 4:47
- District 4: 6:08
- District 5: 5:31
- District 6: 4:58

Overall average response time for first arriving Fire unit in the City of Frisco: 5:06

Supporting Documents:

Frisco Fire Department monthly summary report. 2001-2010 Alarm Response summary. Public Education summary.



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Notes: The TEEX Leadership Development Symposium drew approximately 600 registrations and about 500 daily attendees to the Frisco Convention Center on Jan. 11-13 for presentations on leadership issues, management, safety, budgeting and other topics. Sponsored by the TEEX Leadership Development Program of the Emergency Services Training Institute, the 2010 Symposium focused on "Leading a Culture of Effective Decision-Making."

The symposium sessions were geared specifically to meet continuing education requirements for Texas fire officers and EMS personnel, and were offered at no charge, thanks to funding by Texas general revenue. The 2010 symposium drew more than twice as many participants as in 2009.

Keynote speakers this year included former coach and Texas A&M University System Regent Gene Stallings and Former Phoenix Fire Department Chief Alan Brunacini. General sessions were led by Fire Engineering Editor-in-Chief Bob Halton; Former Mesa Fire Department Chief Dennis Compton; Chief Chris Connealy of the Cedar Park Fire Department and Chair of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; Chief Dennis Rubin of the Washington, D.C., Fire Department; Chief Billy Jack Rhoades of the Fort Hood Fire Department with Chief Mike Baker of Copperas Cove and Killeen Fire Chief J.D. Gardner providing an overview of the response to the Fort Hood shooting. ([Read Dallas Morning News article](#)). Other speakers and experts from across the country presided over more than 15 different break-out sessions.

The symposium was conducted in partnership with the City of Frisco/Frisco Fire Department and the Fire Instructors Association of North Texas (FIANT). Additional funding was received from Pierce Manufacturing Co. and its dealers, Martin and Siddons Apparatus.

